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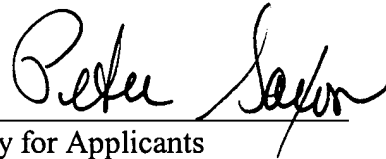
The claims are 12-25 with claims 12, 14 and 18 being independent. Former claims 2 and 3 are re-presented as new claims 22-25, respectively.

New claims 13-21 have been added. Claims 14-17 include the embodiment of Fig. 5 and are specifically supported, inter alia, in Examples 1 and 3. New claims 18-21 include the embodiment of Fig. 3 and are supported, inter alia, at page 15, line 13 to page 18, line 11 and page 20, line 15 to page 21, line 2.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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